

# SERGIO MUÑOZ JR

## District 36

# Capitol Newsletter



"We had a very productive week for District 36 at the Capitol with four bills and a joint resolution adopted by the House. Each of these bills will have a positive local impact, making schools safer for our children, improving law enforcement, and helping our cities and county. Productive weeks like this one make me proud to do my part to ensure a prosperous future for our District and the state as a whole. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Have a great weekend and Feliz Cinco De Mayo!"

*Sergio Muñoz Jr.*

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### AUTHORED

- S H.J.R. 87/H.B. 1372 - City Vacancies:** HJR 87 and its enabling legislation HB 1372 are common sense legislation that allow certain Home Rule Cities the option to fill vacancies with a remaining term of 12 months or less through the procedures provided by the City Charter, including by appointment. This change will allow cities to stop the expensive process of holding a special election if the term is less than 12 months. **Status:** Both HJR 87 and HB 1372 passed the House and have been sent to the Senate. Once the Senate has passed the measures a vote of the people to amend the TX Constitution will be required.
- S H.B. 3674 - Historic Courthouses:** Would allow a limited number of cities to qualify for the Historic Courthouse Preservation and Maintenance Programs, including the 1886 Hidalgo County Courthouse in Hidalgo. **Status:** HB 3674 passed the House on Thursday, May 2nd.
- S H.B. 801 - Firearm Projectile Across School Property:** HB 801 is legislation in response to the Harwell Middle School shootings in Dec. 2011 and will ultimately make Texas schools safer. The bullets that caused this tragedy allegedly came from an individual engaging in target practice on a ranch near the school. HB 801 proposes measures that will require awareness of such dangers in hunter education programs and proximity signs near schools. **Status:** Rep. Muñoz will propose HB 801 to the entire House tomorrow, May 4th.
- S H.B. 2883 - Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence:** Amends the Education Code to establish the Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence in Pharr. The Center will be administered by South Texas College for the purpose of developing and providing initial and continuing education and training, credit of which can be used towards an Associate of Applied Science Degree, and Basic Peace Officer Certification for law enforcement personnel in the Rio Grande Valley. **Status:** HB 2883 passed the House on Thursday, May 2nd.
- S H.B. 2094 - Roadside Vendors:** Allows Hidalgo County to enforce Transportation Code 285.001 to regulate the sale of items by a vendor of food or merchandise in the unincorporated area of the county if they occur on a public highway or a road with a speed limit of 40 miles per hour or faster. **Status:** HB 2094 passed the House on Thursday, May 2nd.

## IN THE DISTRICT



On May 1st, 2013, The Latino Advocacy Network organized a march and health fair in favor of Comprehensive Immigration Reform throughout the state and nation. Marchers, totaling over 200 people, started at the Hidalgo City Hall and ended at the Municipal Park Pavilion.



Rep. Muñoz passed HR 1616 in honor of and wishing Ninfa Treviño Peña a Happy 100th Birthday. Our office wishes her the best as she and her family celebrate this momentous occasion.



## CONSTITUENTS @ THE CAPITOL



(Left) On April 17th, 2013, Rep. Muñoz met with the Greater McAllen Association of Realtors, who visited the Capitol on "Realtor Day," to discuss property owner's rights.

(Right) On April 25th, 2013, Rep. Muñoz passed a resolution honoring Alberto Kreimerman of McAllen in recognition of his community leadership and philanthropic endeavors.

